



# Discover the Delaware Bay!

## FREE Public Programs October 2017

### Blackbird Creek Fall Festival

*10th Anniversary!*

**Saturday, October 21st 10AM - 4PM**

Blackbird Creek Reserve  
801 Blackbird Landing Road Townsend, DE

Join us for a fall-themed fun day enjoying hands-on learning, lively music, kids activities and crafts, and lots of fun along the beautiful Blackbird Creek Reserve. Enjoy a tractor-pulled hayride, bird watching, hiking, or try your hand at casting a line or canoeing and kayaking. Check out the blacksmith and Native American demonstrations, browse the artisans and vendors, and grab lunch from some local food trucks.

**This event is open to the public and  
admission is FREE  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



### Columbus Day Paddle

**Monday, October 9th**

**2:00PM-4:00PM**

Join us for a canoe trip on Blackbird Creek. See the beautiful fall foliage and enjoy an afternoon on the water. Life jackets will be provided and are required to be worn. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing. Canoeing experience is preferred but not required. Meet at Blackbird Creek Reserve 801 Blackbird Landing Rd, Townsend DE.

**Space is limited.  
Pre-registration is required.  
Call 302-739-6377**

### Lantern Tour at John Dickinson Plantation

**Friday, October 21**

**6PM -7PM & 7:30 PM- 8:30 PM**

Meet at **The Visitors Center at the John Dickinson Plantation (340 Kitts Hummock Road Dover, DE)**. Tour the plantation by hay wagon and learn about the uses and changes of the St. Jones River over the years and the nocturnal life of the estuary. The hayride will take you to the magnificent entrance of the John Dickinson Plantation where you will experience the nighttime entertainment that would have taken place in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**TWO TIME SLOTS OFFERED  
SPACE IS LIMITED  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Call John Dickinson Plantation at  
(302) 739-3277**

### Halloween Coastal Heritage Driving Tour

**Tuesday, October 31st**

**9AM-3PM**

Leave the driving to us as you board our touring van for a spooky tour of Delaware! Explore the First State Heritage Park in Dover for a guided tour of Delaware's history. We'll make a stop for lunch along the way.

The tour will meet at St. Jones Reserve (818 Kitts Hummock Rd, Dover DE). This program is designed for participants 18 years or older. Space is limited, prior registration required.

*There will be at least 1/2 mile of walking on this tour. Must bring a picture ID to enter Legislative Hall.  
Call 302-739-6377 to register*

### Give Back to the Bay with Make-A-Difference Day!

**Saturday, October 28th 9AM-12PM**

Give back to the Delaware Bay by helping with our pollinator garden at the St. Jones Reserve. Join staff members on National Make A Difference Day as we tend to our pollinator garden and get it ready for the winter. Help us help local our pollinators! (Think butterflies and bees).

Meet at the St. Jones Reserve (818 Kitts Hummock Rd, Dover DE)

**All ages are welcome, but registration is required. To register call the St. Jones Reserve at (302) 739-6377.  
Volunteers will need to supply their own work gloves and will need to wear long pants and closed toed shoes.**



*Program can be cancelled due to inclement  
weather or low registration*

For more information visit our website at:  
<http://de.gov/dnerr>

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**Registration is required for all  
programs.**

To register contact Maggie Pletta at  
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